

T-780
Thomas Mills House
Bellevue
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Thomas Mills House

MHT Inventory Number: T-700

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Industrial / Urban Dominance
1870 - 1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-Family Dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-780

Magi No.

DOE ☐yes ☐no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common THOMAS MILLS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number SW corner of Gates and Dawson streets ☐ not for publication

city, town Bellevue ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county First

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David and Evetta Mae Henry

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved | date of move _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thomas Mills house stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of Gates and Dawson streets in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces northwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1900, the two-story, three-bay main block is reported to have been built in two sections by joining another one-room plan house to the existing two-story, two-bay dwelling. The house is supported on a low brick foundation, and it is covered with aluminum siding. The medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a single-story kitchen wing.

The northwest (main) facade is a slightly uneven three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The front door is partially glazed. Lighting the second floor are three unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The eave to the roof is extended slightly with sloped soffits.

The northeast gable end is a blind wall surface with a stove flue protruding at the first floor level. The southwest gable end, on the other hand, is pierced by single six-over-six sash windows on each floor. The edge of the roof is slightly extended beyond the wall surface.

The southeast (rear) elevation is partially covered by the single story kitchen wing. A partially glazed side door allows access from the east, and an exterior block stack rises against the south end.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

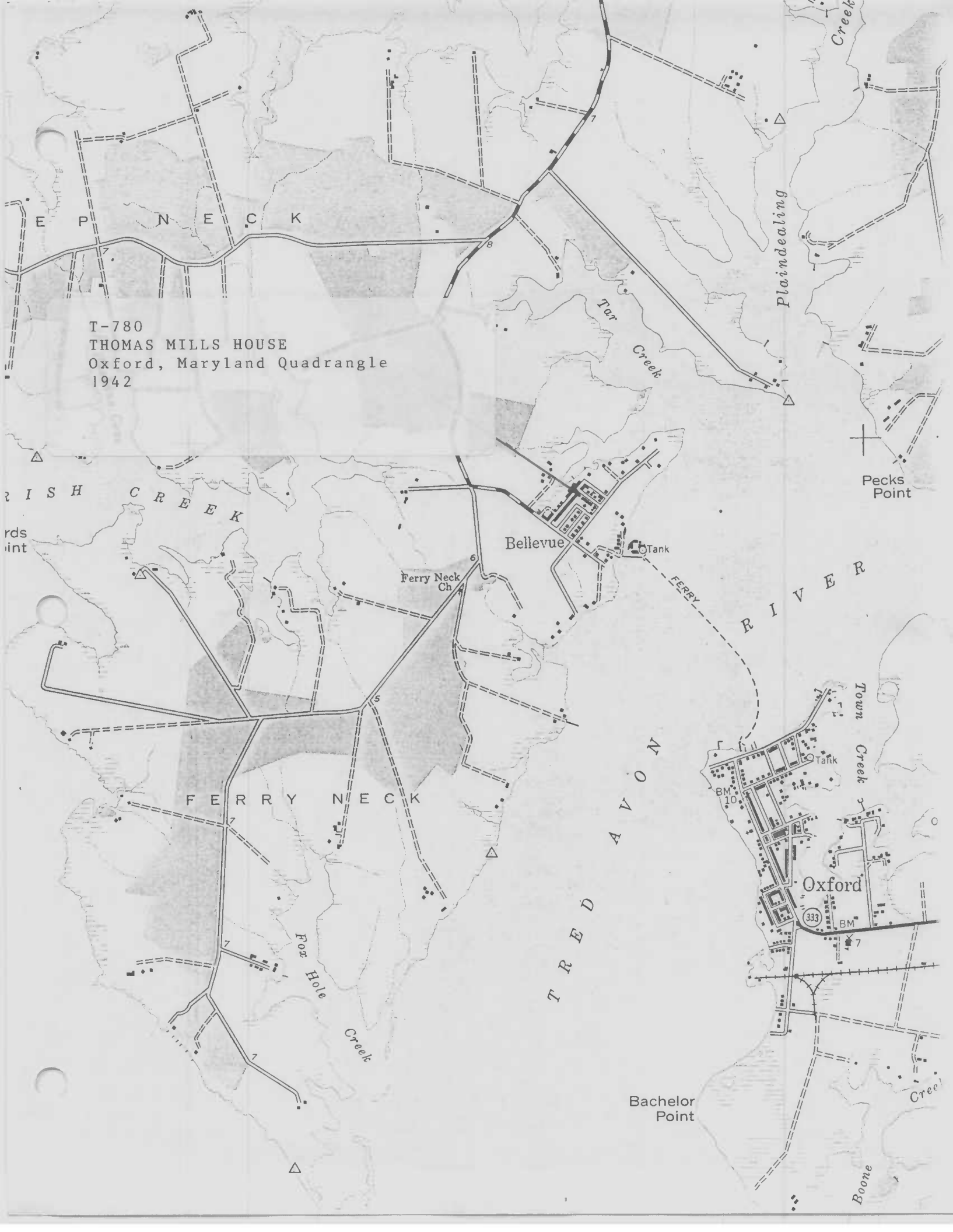
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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THOMAS MILLS HOUSE
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
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Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

Northeast elevation

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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Southeast elevation

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